

in support of lexical reconstructions.

7.1.3. *Kuku (Ku)*

Tucker & Bryan (1956:107) give altogether about 24,000 *ku* speakers for the Southern Sudan and Uganda. No recent figures are available here, as is the case for all the other BARI and LOTUKO languages. The Kuku's own name of the language is *kútúk nà kùkù* (see also Tucker & Bryan, loc.cit.).

All data on *ku* are my own due to lack of published sources. Here, my informant was Mr. Henry Koda, then 21 years old, who was born in Kajo Kaji where he spent most of his life except for 1968-1972, when he lived in Uganda. Mr. Koda is now an assistant printer at the University of Juba. In addition to his mother tongue, he speaks English, Arabic, Madi, and a little Swahili.

7.1.4. *Mondari (Mo)*

Literature provides several variants for the spelling of this (northwesternmost) BARI dialect which in my opinion is least closely related to *Ba* proper. Besides Mandari and Mundari, one may frequently find *Mondari* which I have chosen for the present study despite the fact that the Mondari (about 36,000) call themselves *mundàrì* and their language *kútúk nà mùndàrì*, as stated correctly by Tucker & Bryan (1956:107).

My informant, who corroborates Tucker & Bryan's (loc.cit.) observation of slight local variants of *Mo*, was Mr. Dimo Are Mulla, then 27 years old; he was born and grew up in Tali Post. Mr. Mulla, formerly a junior secondary school teacher, now works as a lands officer in the Ministry of Housing and Utilities in Juba. Apart from *Mo*, he has a good command of English and Arabic.

7.1.5. *Nyanggwara (Na)*

According to Tucker & Bryan (1956:107): "*Dialect: NYANGBARA. Spoken by: NYANGBARA (NYANGWARA, NYAMBARA), call themselves nyangwara ;...*" Of these variants only NYANGWARA was used by my

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